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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

With regard to the Interview Summary mailed April 6, 2009, the following is Applicant's statement of the substance of the interview as required by the Examiner.

Allowance of the claims was discussed based on incorporating the limitation of claim 107 (i.e., at least some peptide epitopes having a length from 8 to 29 amino acids) into the independent claim and to clarify that the separate assay recited in (c) refers to the ELISA assays in (b). Other claim amendments were made for the reasons explained in the Interview Summary. The restriction requirement was not withdrawn: kits claims were not rejoined and only the elected method claims were examined in this application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any other information is required to complete the record of the substance of the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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